## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

Divisional Patent Application of

Bednar et al.

Division of Serial No. 09/133,728

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## PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Statement accompanies the filing of a divisional patent application of Serial No. 09/133,728, which was filed on August 13, 1998 (the "parent application").

In the accompanying divisional application, minor changes have been made to the specification, including those amendments made in the parent application, and the formal drawings from the parent application are filed with this divisional application. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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